

MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (Once Amended) A unit [(1)] for providing messages emanating from a remote station [(2)] to a user, comprising a transponder section [(10)] for communicating with the remote station [(2)] by a wireless mode of communication, and a data processing section [(30)], wherein the transponder section [(10)] includes means [(19)] for storing an identification code[, means (16)] that are responsive to an interrogation signal from the remote station [(2)] to emit an identification signal bearing the identification code, means [(16)] that are responsive to incoming data signals including an address code, which may be the same as or derived from the identification code, and means [(20)] for providing the incoming data to the data processing section [(30)], and wherein the data processing section [(30)] includes means for providing an audio and/or visual output for the user of the unit [(1)], further characterized in that the unit [(1)] further comprises means [(40)] responsive to the audio output to generate a modulated signal [(41)] for emitting externally of the unit [(1)].
2. (Once Amended) The unit [according to] of claim 1, wherein the unit [(1)] is contained within a housing including one or more batteries [(22,39)] for powering the transponder section [(10)] and the data processing section [(30)].
3. (Once Amended) A unit [(1)] for providing messages emanating from a remote station [(2)] to a user, comprising a transponder section [(10)] for communicating with the remote station [(2)] by a wireless mode of communication, and a data processing section [(30)], wherein the transponder section [(10)] includes means [(19)] for storing an identification code, means [(16)] that are responsive to an interrogation signal from the remote station [(2)] to emit an identification signal bearing the identification code, means [(16)] that are responsive to incoming data signals including an address code, which may be the same as or derived from the identification code, and means [(20)] for providing the incoming data to the data processing section [(30)], and wherein the data processing section [(30)] includes means for providing an audio [and/or] and visual output for the user of the unit [(1)], further characterized in that the unit [(1)] is contained within a housing including

one or more batteries [(22, 39)] for powering the transponder section [(10)] and the data processing section [(30)].

4. (Once Amended) The unit [according to] of claim 3, wherein the unit [(1)] further comprises means [(40)] responsive to the audio output to generate a modulated signal [(41)] for emitting externally of the unit [(1)].

5. (Once Amended) The unit [according to any one of the preceding claims] of claim 3, wherein the means for providing an audio and/or visual output at least includes means [(36)] for providing an aural output.

6. (Once Amended) The unit [according to any one of the preceding claims including] of claim 3, wherein the [including] means [(46)] for receiving an input from a user and to initiate a signal from the transponder section [(10)] for communicating the user input to the remote station [(2)].

7. (Once Amended) The unit [according to] of claim 6 further comprising a keypad or keyboard [(48)] for generating the user input.

8. (Once Amended) The unit [according to any one of the preceding claims] of claim 3 further comprising means for linking it to an external device, which external device is operable by the user to generate inputs to the unit [(1)].